

# Rotary



# Club of Stuart-Sunrise

## Club Meeting

Stuart-Sunrise  
Meets at Banyan Creek  
Country Club  
1701 SW Crane Creek Ave  
Palm City, FL 34990  
Time: Thursday at 07:30  
AM

## Speakers

## Birthdays



Lisa Raiche  
December 24th



Thomas  
Whittington  
December 29th



Chris G. Shoaf  
January 3rd



HB Barrett  
January 10th

## Club Member Anniversaries



John Robitaille  
01-10-2019  
5 Years



Thomas Brownell  
01-01-2021  
3 Years



Beth Brownell  
01-01-2021  
3 Years

## Rotary News for December 14, 2023

Thursday, December 14,  
2023 Beth led the Pledge and Sue  
offered the invocation.

President John is recovering from  
his knee replacement, which he  
had yesterday.

Chris Shoaf was awarded a Paul  
Harris +2. Thank you for all your contributions to Rotary!



The Stuart noon Rotary club is working to establish an  
Interact Club at Indiantown High School. Beth will work with Dr. Bonds to arrange for  
Interact members at Clark to meet and with the new Interactors at Indiantown.

Beth presented Laura with a card and donations from members to thank her for her  
efforts on our behalf.

The family social party at the Whittingtons has been postponed  
from Sunday, December 17 to Sunday, January 24. A new sign-up sheet will circulate  
in January.

Tennis Tournament work will begin in earnest in January.

Happy Dollars

Lisa gave an undisclosed amount of money in honor of her upcoming birthday. Much  
happiness surrounding the upcoming holidays. After Christmas, JD will be hosting  
four grandchildren, Gene will be traveling for New Years, and Chris and Paola have  
taken on a family tradition of sending cinnamon rolls to family members.

Gene, once again, won the 50-50.

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## The Dictionary Project

By Beth Brownell on Thursday, December 14, 2023

HB Barrett led a discussion on the club dictionary project in advance of a meeting  
next week with Mark Cowles of the Martin County School District. The meeting is to  
evaluate the effectiveness of the presentations, if the teachers are using the  
dictionaries as intended, and the general relevance of the program given the  
amount of computer/online work done by students.

The discussion by club members centered on the pros and cons of individual  
classroom dictionary presentations vs a group setting. Members also commented on  
their approach to engaging students, how prepared the schools were and how easy  
it was to arrange the presentations. It was also noted that at one school there  
were many students repeating third grade, many of whom did not have the book  
they received last year. Despite that, the consensus was that for students for whom  
a dictionary is the first book they own, the project is especially worthwhile. Members  
were enthusiastic in their desire to continue the project for the third-graders in the  
six schools.

HB will give a summary of his meeting with Mark Cowles at our next meeting.

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